

Rockford Historic Preservation Commission

November 5, 2013 – 6:00PM – City Hall Conference Room B

Present: Janna Bailey, Gary Carlson, Scott Sanders, Becky Lichty, Dave Coady, Vickie Kruger

Absent: Alderman Jamie Getchius

Staff: Thaddeus Mack, Planner & Building Plans Examiner

Other: Interested Parties

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Janna Bailey, Chairman

Roll Call and Determination of Quorum

Alderman Jamie Getchius was not present at the meeting

Public Hearing

None at this meeting

Approval of Minutes

A **MOTION** was made by Becky Lichty to **APPROVE** the minutes of the September 10, 2013 meeting as presented. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Gary Carlson and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Certificate of Appropriateness for 1329 Cospers Ave – Fence Addition

Applicant presented information on fence addition noting the previously installed fence and desire to continue the fence back to the alley, making appropriate modifications in height as needed for proximity to alley and property lines. Fence construction to match existing, previously approved fence.

Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **APPROVE** the Certificate of Appropriateness Application as presented for Fence Addition at 1329 Cospers Ave as presented to the Historic Preservation Commission. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Scott Sanders and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**.

Request for Opinion of adjacent demolition – 1115 S Main St.

Historic Preservation Commission Secretary presented information to the Historic Preservation Commission regarding the request for demolition of the adjacent property to 1115 S Main St., the Graham-Ginestra House. The building at 308-310 Morgan Street is being demolished as part of the S Main IDOT work. The contractor, Northern Illinois Service Co. was asked to solicit an opinion from the HPC regarding demolition of the adjacent structure as it is touching, but not structurally integral to the garage of 1115 S Main St. The contractor would remove the wall of the building at 308-310

Morgan St and disconnect roofing material and return this down the side of the garage structure to remain at the Graham-Ginestra House.

HPC members reviewed the request and asked some questions to clarify the extent of this request as it relates to the final appearance of the Graham-Ginestra House. Upon further review, the HPC members directed the Secretary to write a response to the effect of the following: *Care should be taken when demolition occurs of the property at 308-310 Morgan St. to prevent damage to the structure at 1115 S Main St. Should any structural instability or damage occur as a result of the adjacent demolition, damage or instability must be remediated. Upon removal of the adjacent structure, any patching or painting work needed to make the newly exposed wall match the existing surfaces should be addressed with the property owner.*

HPC Secretary will draft and distribute a letter for approval before sending to the contractor

Communication and Staff report

None to report

Adjournment

With no other business Gary Carlson made a **MOTION** to **ADJOURN**. The **MOTION** was **SECONDED** by Vickie Kruger and **CARRIED** by a vote of **6-0**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 P.M.

Submitted by Thaddeus Mack – Historic Preservation Commission Secretary